

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

STEPHEN KNOWLES, TRUSTEE, BRICKLAYERS OF)	
INDIANA RETIREMENT FUND, BRICKLAYERS & TROWEL)	
TRADES INTERNATIONAL PENSION FUND,)	
BRICKLAYERS & ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS)	Case: No. 1:25-cv-762
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH FUND, BAC 4 IN/KY)	
APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING PROGRAM,)	
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED)	
CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 4 OF INDIANA & KENTUCKY,)	
& BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL)	
4 IN/KY INDIANAPOLIS, TERRE HAUTE, BLOOMINGTON)	
PENSION FUND)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
BARTLEY & PERIGO MASONRY CONTRACTORS,)	
INC, an Indiana corporation)	
)	
Defendants.)	

COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, by their attorneys, DONALD D. SCHWARTZ and ARNOLD AND KADJAN, LLP, complain against Defendant, BARTLEY & PERIGO MASONRY CONTRACTORS, as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. (a) Jurisdiction of this cause is based upon Section 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. Section 1132 ("ERISA") and 29 U.S.C. 1145 as amended.
- (b) Venue is founded pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 1132(e) (2) in this district, where the Funds as described in Paragraph 2, are administered and 29 U.S.C. Section 185(c).

PARTIES

2. (a) The Plaintiffs in this count STEPHEN KNOWLES, TRUSTEE OF THE BRICKLAYERS OF INDIANA RETIREMENT FUND, BRICKLAYERS AND TROWEL TRADES INTERNATIONAL PENSION FUND, BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS INTERNATIONAL HEALTH FUND (AS SUCCESSOR TO BRICKLAYERS OF INDIANA HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND), INDIANA BRICKLAYERS LOCAL 4 JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE AND BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS LOCAL 4 INDIANA/KENTUCKY (“the Funds”), and have standing to sue pursuant to 29 U.S.C. Section 1132(d)(1).

(b) The Funds have been established pursuant to collective bargaining agreements previously entered into between the Bricklayers Union Local 4, IN/KY and (the "Union") and certain employer associations whose employees are covered by the collective bargaining agreement with the Union.

(c) The Funds are maintained and administered in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, and other applicable state and federal laws and also pursuant to the terms and provisions of the agreements and Declarations of Trust which establish the Funds.

3. (a) BARTLEY & PERIGO MASONRY CONTRACTORS, (hereafter "BARTLEY & PERIGO"), employs persons performing bargaining unit work in the jurisdiction of Union and is bound to make contributions for hours worked by its bargaining unit employees.

(b) BARTLEY & PERIGO, has its principal place of business in Evansville, Indiana.

(c) BARTLEY & PERIGO, is an employer engaged in an industry affecting commerce.

4. Since **June 1, 2001** BARTLEY & PERIGO, an Indiana corporation, has entered into successive collective bargaining agreements with the Union pursuant to which it is required to pay specified wages and to make periodic contributions to the Funds on behalf of its bargaining unit employees. (Exhibit “A”)

5. By virtue of certain provisions contained in the collective bargaining agreements, BARTLEY & PERIGO, is bound by the Trust Agreement establishing the Funds.

6. Under the terms of the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreements to which it is bound, BARTLEY & PERIGO, is required to make contributions to the Funds on behalf of their employees and, when given reasonable notice by Plaintiffs or their representatives, to submit all necessary books and records to Plaintiff’s accountant for the purpose of determining whether or not it is in compliance with its obligation to contribute to the Funds.

7. Plaintiffs are advised and believe that from **May 1, 2024 through the present**, BARTLEY & PERIGO, has failed to make some of the contributions from time to time required to be paid by it to the Funds pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreements by which it is bound, all in violation of its contractual obligations and its obligations under applicable state and federal statutes.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows:

A. BARTLEY & PERIGO, be ordered to submit to an audit for **May 1, 2024 through the present**.

B. Judgment be entered on any amounts found to be due on the audit.

C. Plaintiffs be awarded their costs herein, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs incurred in the prosecution of this action, together with liquidated damages in the amount of 20%, all as provided in the applicable agreements and ERISA Section

502(g)(2).

D. BARTLEY & PERIGO, be enjoined from violating the terms of the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreements by failing to make timely payments to the Funds and be ordered to resume making those payments.

E. This Court grant Plaintiffs such other and further relief as it may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,
STEPHEN KNOWLES, et. al.

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